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F O R E W O R D

The Historical Records Survey program is one of the many valuable and permanent undertakings of the Work Projects Administration. One division of this work is the Church Records Survey. The Federal Government has recognized that in the field of history churches and their organizations occupy an important place. Under the program as planned the work will extend to every religious body of every creed in all the states in the Union.

Of particular interest to Baptists is that part of the program which concerns the Baptist associations and churches of North Carolina. This work is already in progress and will be pressed toward completion. Under the direction of an able supervisory staff, located in Raleigh, one or more workers is assigned to each association. These workers make a careful and industrious search for all church records, printed or in manuscript, minutes of associations, and any other materials that may serve the purpose of the Survey. With this material in hand the editorial staff prepares a short sketch of the association and its constituent churches, which is published in a separate volume.

Those who are interested in church history will find these volumes most valuable. For both the association and each local church is given a complete list of all records that have been discovered and from which the sketches have been constructed, with a statement of where they may be found. For the association, the time and place of its organization are given with a list of its charter churches. Some account is also given of the officers, especially the first and those of the present time. For each church a like care is exercised in giving essential historical data, such as the time and place of constitution, the constituting officers, the location and character of the houses of worship, and the growth or decrease in number of members.

This work is comprehensive and will be invaluable. It preserves from loss essential facts about our churches. Every one who is interested in our religious history will greatly appreciate it. It will be most helpful also in creating an interest in preserving church records, as emphasis is placed on locating and inventorying the old and rapidly disappearing records of the churches. No reader of these sketches can fail to recognize the great significance of organized religious bodies in the life of the nation.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was created in the winter of 1935-36 as a nation-wide Works Progress Administration project for the "discovery, preservation and listing of basic materials for research in the history of the United States."¹ Under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, the Survey undertook an extensive program for the inventory of state and local archives, early American imprints, church archives, and collections of manuscripts. Pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act passed June 30, 1939, the existence of the Survey as a single nation-wide project sponsored by WPA itself was terminated August 31, 1939; and the work of the Survey was continued within the individual States by locally sponsored projects operating within the national WPA Historical Records Survey Program which continued under the direction of Dr. Evans until his resignation and the subsequent appointment of Sargent B. Child on March 1, 1940.

The North Carolina Project of the national Historical Records Survey was established February 1, 1936, with Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as Director. Until November 1936 the Survey operated as an autonomous unit of the Federal Writers' Project directed in North Carolina by Edwin Bjorkman. Dr. Crittenden resigned as State Director June 30, 1937, and was succeeded by Dan Lacy, who had previously served as Assistant State Director. Mr. Lacy resigned April 2, 1940, to accept the position of Assistant to the Director of Historical Records Survey Projects in Washington, and was succeeded by Colbert F. Crutchfield as State Supervisor. The work of the North Carolina unit of the Historical Records Survey has been continued by the North Carolina Historical Records Survey Project established September 1, 1939, and sponsored by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The Inventory of the Church Archives of North Carolina is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials being prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program. A separate section of the inventory will be devoted to each denomination, or to each subdivision of a denomination which affords a publishable unit within itself. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the records of the Brunswick Association, is such a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention, with which denominational body the Brunswick Association is affiliated. Field work for the inventory was done by Mrs. Eleanor S. Niernsee. Entries were written by Mrs. Lucy F. Hartsfield. The inventory was prepared under the supervision of Mr. Joseph T. Chesnutt and was read for the sponsor by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission. Editorial comments and criticism have been furnished by Donald A. Thompson, Assistant Archivist in charge of Church Archives Inventories. The Survey is indebted to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for supplies used in this publication; to Mr. N. A. Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer of that body, for interest in and support of the

1. Works Progress Administration, Operating Procedure No. W-2, Revised July 2, 1937.

work; to Dr. G. W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College, who read and criticized the inventory; and to officials and members of the Brunswick Association, who generously co-operated in the work.

The Survey gratefully acknowledges the co-operation and support of Miss Charlie Huss, State Supervisor of the Research and Records Section of the Division of Professional and Service Projects, and members of her staff.

COLEMAN P. CRUTCHFIELD, STATE SUPERVISOR
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C., has been designated as the official depository for non-current records of the associations and churches affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
2. The full names of persons mentioned in this inventory are given if this information was available.
3. The information appearing in this publication has been obtained chiefly by Survey workers through personal interviews with pastors and church clerks. It has been supplemented when possible by research in available printed and manuscript sources. Computations of membership and dates of constitution of churches have been obtained when possible from printed minutes of this and other associations to which the particular church has belonged.
4. Occasional references may be made in the entries to churches not included in the inventory. In such cases an entry for the church mentioned normally will be found in the forthcoming volume for the denomination or denominational unit to which that church at present belongs.
5. Gaps in the records listed for some churches are due either to the fact that they were not kept, were destroyed, or were simply not found after a careful search by workers.
6. No particular effort has been made to locate all Sunday School records as they are usually of temporary character. If easily available, they have been listed.
7. Associations referred to are affiliated with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention unless otherwise indicated.
8. A dash (--) placed after a date indicates continuance to present date or to time of survey.

BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION

Many of the churches in the extreme southeast coastal region of North Carolina which are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention belonged prior to 1895 to an earlier Brunswick Association, which was in existence from 1886-94.¹ In 1894 this association, after considerable debate, accepted a proposal from the Cape Fear Association to unite the two associations,² and the following churches joined Cape Fear Association: Beulah, Chapel Hill, Friendship, Long Branch, Magnolia, Mill Creek, New Brittain, New Life, Polly's Bridge, Prospect, Shallotte, Shiloh, and Soldier Bay.³ In the early months of 1899 the Cape Fear Association and the Columbus Association united to form the Cape Fear-Columbus Association.⁴ At the first annual joint session of this newly created association, Beulah, Soldier Bay, Jernie's Branch, Polly's Bridge, Mill Creek, Shallotte, Prospect, Shiloh, Oak Grove, and Mt. Pisgah were, at their request, granted letters of dismissal to form a separate association.⁵ Those churches, with the exception of Shiloh, met at Shallotte Church a few months after their dismissal and organized the present Brunswick Association.⁶

Since the organization of the new association the changes in its membership have been numerous. Newly constituted churches accepted into the association have included: Cool Run in 1905;⁷ Regan and Farmers Chapel in 1908;⁸ Mount Olive and Bolivia in 1913;⁹ Sabbath Home in 1933;¹⁰ and Longwood in 1939.¹¹ Happy Home, admitted in 1910;¹² Brunswick, admitted in 1911;¹³ and Zion, listed for the first time in 1920;¹⁴ were also probably newly constituted. Friendship, admitted in 1916,¹⁵

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1. Earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association are: Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session of the Brunswick Association, Held with Soldier Bay Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina, October 27 and 28, 1897, Raleigh, 1897. (Minutes of the various associations are hereafter cited as Minutes, with the annual session and name of the association. All minutes are listed in full in the bibliography).
 2. Minutes, Eighth Annual Session (old) Brunswick Association, pp. 7, 8.
 3. Ibid., p. 11.
 4. Minutes, 94th Annual Session, Cape Fear Association, p. 12; Minutes, First Annual Joint Session, Cape Fear-Columbus Association, pp. 4, 9.
 5. Minutes, First Annual Joint Session, Cape Fear-Columbus Association, pp. 4, 9.
 6. Minutes, First Annual Session, Brunswick Association, pp. 1, 2, 15.
 7. Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 4.
 8. Minutes, Tenth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, pp. 3, 6.
 9. Minutes, Fifteenth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 3.
 10. Minutes, Thirty-Fifth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 8.
 11. Minutes of the Forty-First Annual Session of the Brunswick Association have not been printed.
 12. Minutes, Twelfth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, pp. 5, 6.
 13. Minutes, Thirteenth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 3.
 14. Minutes, Twenty-Second Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 8.
 15. Minutes, Eighteenth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 2.

was created by the uniting of Long Branch and Regan churches. All other churches admitted to the association came from the Cape Fear-Columbus Association. These churches, with the dates of their admission, were Antioch, Camp Branch, Chapel Hill, Lebanon, Little Zoar, Myrtle Branch, New Life, New Brittain, Southport, Bethel, Shiloh,¹⁶ Long Branch, and Town Creek in 1900;¹⁷ Seven Creeks in 1903;¹⁸ and Goshen in 1932.¹⁹

Since its organization the association has lost twelve churches, eight of which united with Dock Association, namely, New Life, around 1916;²⁰ Polly's Bridge and Seven Creeks in 1916;²¹ New Brittain in 1921;²² Happy Home and Soldier Boy, 1922;²³ and Camp Branch and Zion in 1923.²⁴ Shallotte, dismissed from the Brunswick Association in 1922 to unite with Dock Association,²⁵ cannot be considered as a loss since it was received back into Brunswick Association in 1938.²⁶ The remaining four churches have simply ceased to be reported as members of the association and probably became defunct near the date they were last reported. These churches, with the dates of the minutes in which they were last reported, are Shiloh, 1901; Little Zoar, 1908; Brunswick, 1916; and Silent Grove, 1931.

The membership of the association has shown a steady increase. In 1899, at the first annual meeting, the constituent churches reported a total membership of 575; in 1903, 1,517; in 1918, 1,609; in 1928, 1,650; and in 1938, 2,195, with one church, Oak Grove, not reporting.²⁷

The organization of the Brunswick Association is simple. Its working body is composed of all ordained ministers serving its churches and three messengers elected annually from each church.²⁸ The ministers and messengers meet in annual sessions for worship and the transaction of business. Article three of the original constitution denied ministers the right to vote, but article three of the constitution in the 1926 minutes carries no such prohibition. Messengers from neighboring assoc-

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16. Shiloh Church was dismissed from Cape Fear Association in 1899, but did not officially join Brunswick Association until 1900.
 17. Minutes, Second Annual Session, Brunswick Association, pp. 3, 4.
 18. Minutes, Fifth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 4.
 19. Minutes, Thirtieth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 10.
 20. Is not listed in statistical tables of Brunswick Association after 1911; is listed in earliest available minutes of Dock Association, Minutes, Second Annual Session, Dock Association, p. 9.
 21. Not listed in statistical tables of Brunswick Association after 1916; is listed in the statistical tables of the earliest available minutes of Dock Association, Minutes, Second Annual Session, Dock Association, p. 9.
 22. Minutes, Sixth Annual Session, Dock Association, p. 3.
 23. Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Dock Association, p. 5.
 24. Minutes, Eighth Annual Session, Dock Association, p. 3.
 25. Minutes, Twenty-Fourth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 6.
 26. Minutes, Fortieth Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 6.
 27. Data drawn from the statistical tables for years cited.
 28. Constitution of Brunswick Association, 1926--.

iations are received as guests and accorded every privilege of regular delegates except the right to vote. The elected officers of the association are a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer. The original constitution provided only for the annual election of the moderator. The treasurer and the clerk of the association were to hold office at the pleasure of the association; however, the constitution of 1926 provides for the three officers to be elected annually by ballot and to continue in office until their successors are elected.²⁹ It is the duty of the moderator to preside at meetings, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers. The clerk has been paid for his services since the organization of the association, but all other officers serve without remuneration. The duty of the clerk is to keep a record of the proceedings of the association and to see that the minutes are printed and distributed among the churches. The treasurer has charge of all funds of the association and may pay them out only under the direction of the association. He must submit annual reports of all disbursements. Committees are usually appointed to encourage subscriptions to religious periodicals; to solicit support for missions and various denominational institutions; to encourage attendance to denominational schools; to stimulate Sunday Schools; and to select the date, place, and preacher for the annual meeting. An executive committee supervises the general affairs of the association and devotes itself especially to the provision of adequate ministerial and missionary work in the area of the association. A promotion committee works in connection with the State Mission Board in matters pertaining to general denominational interests within the association.³⁰

The records of the association are preserved only in the form of printed minutes of the annual sessions which include lists of delegates, committees and ministers; a record of proceedings; reports of committees; financial reports; and statistical reports covering membership, property, Sunday Schools, Baptist Young Peoples Unions, and Woman's Missionary Societies of the constituent churches. No official set of these minutes exists, other than the set at the Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C., which is not entirely complete.

Since the organization of the association the following men have served as moderators:³¹

Rev. J. A. Hintz, Seaside, N. C.	1899-1903
I. W. Harrelson	1904-5
Rev. J. A. Hintz, Shallotte, N. C.	1906-7
Rev. O. B. Sellers, Supply, N. C.	1908
D. I. Watson, Southport, N. C.	1909-10
Chas. F. Phillips	1911
D. I. Watson, Southport, N. C.	1912
P. L. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.	1913

29. Constitution not included in minutes of Brunswick Association for some years prior to 1926 and it may have been revised prior to that date.

30. Minutes, Brunswick Association, passim.

31. Minutes, Brunswick Association, passim.



Rev. C. C. Wheeler 1914
 R. M. Wescott, Southport, N. C. 1915
 Elisha Sellars, Supply, N. C. 1916
 Isaac Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 1917
 Rev. P. T. Britt, Bolivia, N. C. 1918
 (No minutes kept for 1919)
 Isaac Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 1920
 J. I. Stone 1921
 D. L. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C. 1922
 G. T. Hickman, Winnabow, N. C. 1923
 V. C. Garner, Winnabow, N. C. 1924-26
 B. B. Page, Leland, N. C. 1929--

The following men have served the association as clerks: 32

Isaac Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 1899-1902
 Cornelius Thomas, Shallotte, N. C. 1908
 George H. Gray, Regan, N. C. 1909-13
 D. Sam Rich, Winnabow, N. C. 1914-17
 R. L. Page, Leland, N. C. 1918
 (No minutes kept for 1919)
 Eugene H. Gray, Shallotte, N. C. 1920-21
 John Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 1922--

1. MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1762--. 9 miles from Supply, Brunswick County (Lockwood's Folly Meeting House, 1762-1800).

Constituted 1762 as an arm of New River Baptist Church by Rev. Ezeiel Hunter, who was at that time pastor of New River Baptist Church (Onslow County).³³ A member of Sandy Creek Association around 1773;³⁴ received into Rehukee Association, 1789;³⁵ a member of Cape Fear Association, 1839-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. In 1800 a part of the congregation withdrew and organized Mill Creek Church (see entry 2), and the remaining part of the congregation changed the church name to Mt. Pisgah. First building, 1762-1800, a log hut located 2 miles from Supply on the bank of Lockwood's Folly River. Second building, 1800-1875, a frame structure 3 miles from Supply on Chimney Rock Road. Third building, 1875-1913, a frame structure located across the road from the present structure. Present building, 1913--, a frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and Sunday School rooms; dedicated 1913; Sunday School rooms added 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. James Turner, 1762-72. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1896. Church membership in 1839, 77; in 1849, 106; in 1859, 168; in 1870, 171; in 1880, 179; in 1890, 186; in 1900, 125; in 1910, 186; in 1920, 224; in 1930, 198; and in 1939, 200. Record Books, 1818-23; 1888--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; and record of members received, dismissed, or excluded. Includes also financial records, 1818-23; 1888-1928. 2 vols. 1818-23, 1888-1908, in custody of Mr. J. W. Lancaster; 1 vol. 1908--, in custody of church clerk. Financial records, 1929--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church treasurer. Sunday School records, 1930--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church. Missionary Union records, 1909--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; minutes of the meetings; and record of visitors, attendance, and collections. In custody of secretary of the society. Lancaster, Mrs. J. W., "Mt. Pisgah, the Oldest Baptist Church in Brunswick County". Biblical Recorder, June 28, 1939.

2. MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1800--. Near Winnabow, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1800 by a part of the congregation of Lockwood's Folly Meeting House (see entry 1), who withdrew for this purpose. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1830-88, 1895-98; probably a member of old Brunswick Association, 1889-94;³⁶ a member of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. First building,

33. George Washington Paschal, History of North Carolina Baptists, Raleigh, 1930, I, p. 324.

34. Ibid., pp. 321, 325.

35. Ibid., p. 490.

36. Not listed in statistical tables of Cape Fear Association after 1888; is listed in statistical tables of earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association, Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, 1893, p. 11.

1800-1816, a log structure. Second building, 1816-30, a frame structure, 20' x 30'. Third building, 1830-87, a frame structure. Fourth building, 1887-1910, a frame structure. Present building, 1910--, a frame structure with brick foundation, bell, plain-glass windows, six Sunday School rooms, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1911, remodeled 1925. First resident clergyman, Elder Joe Goodwin. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1836, 42; in 1848, 27; in 1858, 54; in 1868, 79; in 1878, 43; in 1895, 89; in 1905, 111; in 1916, 164; in 1926, 157; in 1936, 270; and in 1938, 277.

Record Book, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, and members received or dismissed; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk.

Sunday School records, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of secretary of Sunday School.

Missionary Union records, 1925--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; minutes of meetings; record of attendance; and financial record. In custody of secretary of society.

3. BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1837--. Thomasboro, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1837. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1838-76, 1896-98; joined Waccamaw Association, 1877;³⁷ probably a member of old Brunswick Association, 1886-94;³⁸ a member of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. First building, 1837-1907, a frame structure. Second building, 1907-25, also a frame structure. Present building, 1925--, a frame structure with bell, belfry, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 150; dedicated 1925; located three miles east of first building. First resident clergyman, Rev. John Cain, 1837-39. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1897. Church membership in 1839, 46; in 1849, 33; in 1859, 39; in 1869, 39; in 1899, 55; in 1910, 101; in 1920, 81; in 1930, 60; and in 1938, 49.

Record Book, 1925--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; and reports to the association. In custody of Mr. Odell Blanton.

Financial records, 1925--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Odell Blanton.

Sunday School records, 1925--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

4. CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1837--. Shallotte, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1837. A member of Waccamaw Association as early as 1881;³⁹

37. Minutes, Third Annual Session, Waccamaw Association, p. 4.

38. Is listed in earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association and was probably one of the churches which organized the Association in 1886 since it was located in the territory which the association embraced, Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, 1893, p. 11.

39. Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Waccamaw Association, p. 14.

probably a member of old Brunswick Association, 1836-94;⁴⁰ a member of Cape Fear Association, 1895-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus, 1899; received into Brunswick Association, 1900. First building, 1838-86, a frame structure, 1 mile east of present building. Second building, 1886-1931, a frame structure 200 yards back of present building; destroyed by fire November, 1931. Present building, 1932--, a frame structure with brick foundation, six Sunday School rooms, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated April 1932; interior of building finished in natural pine. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. W. Nobles, 1838-40. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1902. Church membership in 1897, 73; in 1907, 69; in 1917, 112; and in 1938, 118.

Record Book, 1932--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, and members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk. Records prior to 1932 destroyed by fire.

Sunday School records, 1935--. 1 file drawer. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and financial records. Kept at church.

Baptist Training Union records, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; minutes of regular meetings; and financial records. In custody of secretary of union.

5. SPALLOTTE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1837--. Longwood, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1837. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1837-75, 1895-98; probably a member of Waccamaw Association, 1875-86,⁴¹ and of old Brunswick Association, 1886-94;⁴² a member of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. First building, 1837-1924, a one-room frame structure located on present site. Present building, 1924--, a frame structure with plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1925. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1896. Church membership in 1837, 41; in 1848, 86; in 1858, 57; in 1867, 84; in 1875, 120; in 1898, 87; in 1900, 71; in 1920, 76; and in 1938, 92.

Record Books, 1837--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; rules of decorum; church covenant; record of deaths and members received, dismissed, or excluded; and reports to the association. Includes also financial record, 1837-1929. In custody of church clerk. Several pages missing, 1840-41.

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40. Listed in earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association and probably was one of the churches which organized the association, since it was located in the territory which the association embraced, Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, p. 14.
41. Was dismissed from Cape Fear Association along with other churches to organize Waccamaw Association, Minutes, Seventy-First Annual Session, Cape Fear Association, 1875, p. 5.
42. Is listed in earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association and was probably one of the churches which organized the association in 1886, since the church was located in the territory which the association embraced, Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, 1893, p. 11.



Financial records, 1929--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church treasurer.
Sunday School records, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. In custody of secretary of Sunday School.

6. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1839--. Southport, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1839 by Elders Thomas Mason and Abel King. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1840-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899-1902; received into Brunswick Association, 1903. Mother church of Southport Baptist Church (see entry 9). First building, 1839-84, a log hut located in Buck Neck, 2 miles from the present church; destroyed by fire in 1864. Second building, 1864-70, a rudely constructed shed built on lot back of present church. Present building, 1870--, a one-room frame structure with porch across the front, plain-glass windows, bell, belfry, and seating capacity of 100; dedicated 1871. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. W. Nobles, 1839-42. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1896. Church membership in 1840, 15; in 1850, 53; in 1860, 37; in 1871, 50; in 1880, 36, in 1890, 40; in 1900, 34; in 1910, 30; in 1920, 55; in 1930, 100; and in 1938, 78.

Church register, 1839-1920, 1935--. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls; church covenant; and record of organization of the church, deaths, and members received, dismissed, or excluded. Includes also financial record, 1839-1920. In custody of church secretary.

Financial records, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church treasurer.

Sunday School records, 1935--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

7. GOSIEN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1852--. Leland, Brunswick County.
(Fryan's Chapel, 1852-87).

Constituted 1852. A member of Cape Fear Association as early as 1858;⁴³ of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899-1931; and of Brunswick Association, 1932--. First building, 1852-1927, a frame structure with auditorium and gallery. Present building, 1927--, a frame structure with two Sunday School rooms across the back, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 200; dedicated, April, 1927. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1871. Church membership in 1858, 19; in 1867, 35; in 1878, 76; in 1887, 46; in 1898, 117; in 1908, 113; in 1920, 72; in 1930, 64; and in 1938, 92.

Record Books, 1900--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; and reports to the association. In custody of church clerk, Mr. W. J. Butter.

Financial records, 1927--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. T. E. Peterson.

43. First minutes in which the church is listed. No statement as to whether or not newly constituted. Minutes, Fifty-Fourth Annual Session, Cape Fear Association, p. 15.

Sunday School records, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1923--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of meeting; membership rolls; and record of attendance. In custody of Mrs. E. R. Skipper.

8. ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1868--. Bolivia, Brunswick County. Constituted 1868. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1868-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; received into Brunswick Association, 1900. First building, 1868-90, a one-room structure which was used also as a school building. The present site and a part of the material used in the present structure were donated by Mr. Absalom Ward. Present building, 1890--, a rectangular structure with four Sunday School rooms, bell, belfry, and seating capacity of 200; dedicated 1890, rebuilt 1937. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. L. Lennon, 1869-71. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1869. Church membership in 1868, 8; in 1884, 29; in 1895, 52; in 1910, 90; in 1930, 107; and in 1938, 163. Record Books, 1890--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences a record of reports to the association. Kept at church.

Church Register, 1890--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; and record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Kept at church.

Sunday School records, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. Kept at church.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1900--. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls; minutes of the meetings; and record of attendance and collection. In custody of secretary of society.

9. SOUTHPORT BAPTIST CHURCH, 1870--. Corner Nash and Howe streets, Southport, Brunswick County. (Smithville Baptist Church, 1870-89).

Constituted 1870 under the leadership of Rev. James B. Taylor as a branch of Bethel Church (see entry 6). Operated as a mission station, 1871-72. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1877-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; received into Brunswick Association, 1900. Present building, 1871--, a frame structure with brick foundation, steeple, bell, and Sunday School rooms on one side; dedicated 1871 by Rev. J. C. Hyden, Wilmington, N. C. Bell given by Mr. W. A. French, Wilmington, N. C. First resident clergyman, Rev. S. W. Wescott, 1871-72; graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and Crozier Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1884. Church membership in 1877, 20; in 1887, 42; in 1898, 86; in 1911, 126; in 1922, 133; and in 1938, 275.

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10. SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1872-1900. Supply, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1872. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1875-77, 1890-98; probably a member of Waccamaw Association, 1878-89;⁴⁴ a member of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899-1900. Congregation worshipped in a one-room frame structure on old Georgetown Road from date constituted until it became inactive. The building is now in ruins. No records found.

11. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873--. Winnabow, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1873. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1873-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; received into Brunswick Association, 1900. First building, 1873-1905, a one-room frame structure located 2 miles from present site. Present building, 1905--, a rectangular frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 150; dedicated 1905, rebuilt 1935. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. A. Edwards, 1873-79. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1884. Church membership in 1873, 11; in 1878, 41; in 1883, 61; in 1898, 104; in 1910, 133; in 1920, 130; in 1930, 129; and in 1938, 94.

Record Books, 1873--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, and members received or dismissed; and reports to the association. Includes also financial records, 1873-1925. In custody of recording secretary, Mrs. Isaac Willetts.

Financial records, 1925--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts, disbursements, and reports to the association. In custody of church treasurer.

Sunday School records, 1918--. 20 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, receipts, and disbursements. Kept at church.

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44. Not listed in statistical tables of the Minutes of Cape Fear Association between 1878 and 1890 and is listed in first available minutes after 1878 of Waccamaw Association, Minutes, Eighth Annual Session, Waccamaw Association, p. 14.

record. In custody of secretary of union.

12. SILENT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1876-1931. Supply, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1876. A member of Waccamaw Association, 1876-1894; of Cape Fear Association, 1895-99; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899-1907; and of Brunswick Association, 1907-1931. First building, 1876-95, a small frame structure located across the road from present structure. Second building, 1895-1931, a frame structure with bell and belfry; dedicated 1895. Building now in ruins. First resident clergyman, Rev. F. Millican, 1877. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1877, 27; in 1883, 40; in 1895, 49; in 1907, 42; in 1916, 39; and in 1926, 26.

Record Book, 1895-1930. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received and dismissed; treasurers' reports; and reports to the association. In custody of Mr. L. F. Robinson.

13. OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891-1910; 1912--. Supply, Brunswick County. (Caison's Chapel, 1891-95).

Constituted, second Saturday in April, 1891. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1891-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; of Brunswick Association, 1899--. First building, 1891-1910, destroyed by fire. No record of services, 1910-12. Present building, 1912--, a one-room frame structure, 24' x 38', with bay windows, bell, and belfry; dedicated 1912. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. L. Swain, 1891-95. The church has reported a Sunday School since date of constitution. Church membership in 1891, 27; in 1898, 27; in 1910, 82; in 1920, 26; in 1930, 63; and in 1936, 97.

Record Book, 1912--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, and members received, dismissed, or excluded; and financial records. In custody of church clerk.

Sunday School records, 1912--. 28 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

14. LONG BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1884-1916. Ash, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1884. Probably a member of old Brunswick Association, 1886-94;⁴⁵ a member of Cape Fear Association, 1895-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899-1913. United with Regan Baptist Church (see entry 21) in 1916 to form Friendship Church (see entry 24). First building, 1884-1916, a frame structure with plain-glass windows; dedicated 1885. First resident clergyman, Rev. George Bonet. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1895, 69; in 1902, 59; and in 1912, 78.

45. Listed in statistical tables of earliest available minutes of old Brunswick Association, Minutes, Seventh Annual Session, Brunswick Association, 1895, p. 11; not listed in any minutes prior to 1893 of other associations embracing the territory in which the church was located.

Record Books, 1884-1900. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of Mr. John Jenerette.

15. TOWN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1884--. Leland, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1884. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1884-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; received into Brunswick Association, 1900. First building, 1884-1914, a one-room school house 3 miles from present site. Present building, 1914--, a frame structure with three Sunday School rooms, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 200; dedicated 1914, remodeled 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. John Paul Lemon, 1884-88. The church has reported a Sunday School since the date of constitution. Church membership in 1884, 37; in 1890, 35; in 1910, 46; in 1920, 19; in 1930, 13; and in 1938, 66.

Record Books, 1890--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, and members received or dismissed; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk.

Sunday School records, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

16. PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891--. Supply, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1891. Probably a member of old Brunswick Association, 1891-94;⁴⁶ a member of Cape Fear Association, 1895-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. First building, 1891-1938, a frame structure. Present building, 1938--. a frame structure with plain-glass windows, bell, belfry, and seating capacity of 150; constructed beside the old building; dedicated 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. A. Edwards, 1891-93. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1895. Church membership in 1895, 36; in 1898, 44; in 1910, 50; in 1920, 66; in 1930, 53; and in 1938, 56.

Record Books, 1891--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant; rules of decorum; and record of deaths, members received, dismissed, or excluded; and reports to the association. Includes also financial records, 1891-1927. 1 vol., 1891-1916, in custody of Mr. Lindon Clemens. 1 vol., 1916--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. C. B. Phelps.

Financial records, 1927--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church treasurer, Mr. O. T. Simmons.

Sunday School records, 1917-27; 1932--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. 1 vol., 1917-27, in custody of Mr. Lindon Clemens. 1 vol., 1932--, in custody of Mr. Clyde Holden.

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17. JEMIE'S BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895--. Shallotte, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1895. A member of Cape Fear Association, 1895-98; of Cape Fear-Columbus Association, 1899; and of Brunswick Association, 1899--. Present building, 1895--, a frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 150; dedicated 1895, moved in 1932 $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west to present location; remodeled 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. T. Caines, 1895. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1898. Church membership in 1895, 25; in 1900, 56; in 1910, 58; in 1920, 62; in 1930, 55; and in 1938, 63.

Record Book, 1926--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conference; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Mr. W. C. Gore.

Sunday School records, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

18. EIAH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1902--. Leland, Brunswick County.
(Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, 1902).

Constituted 1902. Received into Brunswick Association, 1903. First building, 1902-25, a one-room frame structure located on old Fayetteville Road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from present site. Present building, 1925--, a frame structure with three Sunday School rooms, bell, belfry, and seating capacity of 200; dedicated 1925, remodeled 1939. First resident clergyman, Rev. Joe Dukes, 1902-3. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1906.

Church membership in 1903, 60; in 1913, 56; in 1924, 73; and in 1932, 49. Record Books, 1902--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded, and organization of the church; reports to the association; and financial records. 2 vols., 1902-32, in custody of Rev. S. L. Lintz. 1 vol., 1932--, in custody of Mrs. Lucille Sney.

Sunday School records, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of visitors, attendance, and collections. Kept at church.

19. COOL RUN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1904--. Shallotte, Brunswick County.

Constituted 1904. Received into Brunswick Association 1904. Present building, 1904--, a frame structure, 40' x 20', with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 200; moved to its present location in 1939 from a site $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away; dedicated 1904. The church received its name from a branch near the first site. First resident clergyman, Rev. Charles Bullock, 1904-9. The church has reported a Sunday School since the date of constitution. Church membership in 1905, 30; in 1915, 57; in 1925, 77; and in 1933, 73.

Record Books, 1925--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Wilbert Roberts.

Sunday School records, 1930--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of visitors, attendance, and collections. Kept at church.

20. FARMER'S CHAPEL, 1908--. Maco, Brunswick County. Constituted 1908. Received into Brunswick Association, 1908. First building, 1908-30, a one-room frame structure on present site. Present building, 1930-- , a frame, T-shaped structure with plain-glass windows, three Sunday School rooms, and seating capacity of 225; dedicated 1930, remodeled 1930 and 1938. Prior to 1930 the present building was used also as a school house. First resident clergyman, Rev. G. T. Hickman, 1908. The church has reported a Sunday School since the year of constitution. Church membership in 1908, 16; in 1928, 15; and in 1938, 49. Record Book, 1937-- . 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received or dismissed; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk. Sunday School records, 1936-- . 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. Kept at church.

21. REGAN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1908-16. Longwood, Brunswick County. Constituted, May 15, 1908. Received into Brunswick Association, 1908. Only building, 1908-16, a frame structure with plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 150; dedicated 1908. United with Long Branch (see entry 14) in 1916 to form Friendship Church (see entry 24). First resident clergyman, Rev. G. W. Stanly, 1908-12. The church had reported a Sunday School since the date of constitution. Church membership in 1908, 29, and in 1913, 43. Record Book, 1908-16. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial record. In custody of Mrs. J. W. Lancaster.

22. BOLIVIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1912--. Bolivia, Brunswick County. Constituted 1912 by Rev. J. O. Allright. Received into Brunswick Association, 1913. Present building, 1912-- , a frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 150; dedicated 1912. First resident clergyman, Rev. C. N. Phillips, 1912-14. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1913. Church membership in 1913, 8; in 1923, 85; in 1933, 102; and in 1938, 81. Record Books, 1931-- . 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths, members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Miss Bessie Willetts. Sunday School records, 1938-- . 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collections. In custody of secretary of Sunday School, Mr. S. A. Potter. Missionary Union records, 1936-- . 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; minutes of the meetings; and financial records. In custody of secretary of union, Miss Bessie Willetts.

23. MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1912--. Bolivia, Brunswick County. Constituted November 1912. Part of the congregation were former members of Shiloh Baptist Church (entry 10). Admitted to Brunswick Association, 1913. First building, 1912-13, a one-room frame structure on old George-town Road; $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the present site. Present building, 1913-- , a frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of

250; dedicated 1913. First resident clergyman, Rev. C. N. Phillips, 1912-13. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1913. Church membership in 1913, 8; in 1923, 85; in 1933, 36; and in 1938, 44. Record Book, 1912--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant; record of members received, dismissed, or excluded; reports to the association; and financial records. In custody of Mr. Wilbur Roberts.

Sunday School records, 1933--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

24. FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, 1916--. Ash, Brunswick County. Constituted 1916 by the union of Long Branch and Regan Baptist Churches (see entries 14 and 21). Received into Brunswick Association, 1916. Present building, 1916--, a frame structure with bell, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 200; dedicated 1916. First resident clergyman, Rev. T. H. Patterson, 1916-18. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1917. Church membership in 1916, 105; in 1926, 115; and in 1938, 155.

Record Books, 1919--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; and record of deaths, members received, dismissed, or excluded; and reports to the association. Includes also financial records, 1919-35. In custody of Mr. John Jenerette.

Financial records, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. John Jenerette.

Sunday School records, 1935--. 2 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of visitors and collections. In custody of secretary of Sunday School, Mr. P. A. Hughes.

25. SABBATH HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, 1930--. Near Supply, Brunswick County.

Constituted the fourth Sunday in March, 1930. Received into Brunswick Association, 1933. Present building, 1930--, a frame structure of native pine with bell and belfry; dedicated March 4, 1937. First resident clergyman, Rev. A. D. Harrelson, 1933-36. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1933. Church membership in 1934, 80; and in 1938, 93.

Record Book, 1930--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of deaths and members received, dismissed, or excluded; and financial records. In custody of church clerk.

Sunday School records, 1931--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, collections, and disbursements. Kept at church.

26. LONGWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1939--. Longwood, Brunswick County.

Constituted September 1939 with 16 charter members. Received into Brunswick Association, October 18, 1939. Present building, 1939--, a frame structure. Plans are being made for the construction of a church building. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. D. Harrelson, 1939.

Record Books, 1939--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of members received; and reports to the association. In custody of church clerk, Mr. S. J. Frink.

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Financial records, 1939--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. S. J. Frink.

Sunday School records, 1939--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance, visitors, and collection. Kept at church.

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